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My Dear Rube,

This is just a short note to apologize for not forwarding the information you asked for in your last letter (not the one I got just today). My apologies but I have got very forgetful Rube, something to do with the artery troubles.

It was such a sad letter from you today, and I must get down to writing to Loveday in the morning. Oh dear what a sad time they have had, it just doesn't seem possible that anybody could have so much sadness all at once. Poor Ada I suppose the shock of Jill's husband's death, life is very sad and some have more than their share.

Thank you for the letter which I got yesterday. Yes you will be better in the warmer weather as they told me that about Fred. When he came out of the air conditioned building one evening into the cold night air was no good, he suffered pain.

Oh dear poor Harold too, he has been wonderful, has looked after Emmie for years. I must ~~write them~~ all in the next few days when I feel better. I am just recovering from a bladder chill or infection, don't know how you pick up these things, I just get one thing after the other. The capsules I am on must affect the hay fever and my top lip is continuously swollen and sneezing and nose running but guess when I ring the Dr. today she will say stay on them to finish the course. I have had this twice before, but have to ring today as she sent a specimen away for testing to some lab.

I do feel sorry for Wendy, she has been a wonderful daughter and perhaps the shock of Jill's husband's death may have had something to do with Ada dying so quickly.

Yes young June is a nice girl, I remember how she used to pop in and talk to Fred at Kyarra Road, when Doug and they were all at the football over in the Park or any time they were near our place. Fred thought the world of her and always said how thoughtful she was.

I had a good laugh (which I need as am real down with these wretched antibiotics) when I read your piece about not going out but being "Home Birds", but we must keep our feathers preened. Then you went on to say that reminded you that the bird bath wanted cleaning out but you couldn't find enough Puff to do it. What a shame we are not closer to each other and help each other.

The girls are at me to go down again but couldn't make it so will content myself here. Ian is on holidays (one month) or lose them so he is home for two weeks and will go away for the last two weeks and everybody wants me to go and stay with them, they don't like me staying alone but will do as I have boards on my bed here and I can get up when I like, and have the telephone.

No we don't have daylight saving here, Mr. B. Petersen would not have it because it upset the cows or something but it is daylight here at 5 a.m. but gets dark about 6 or a little after.

I have just bought a new stove, this one burns everything on the bottom and had to have one I don't bend down to, but we can't get it put in until January as we are having the kitchen remodelled putting things up on eye

level for my benefit and not spoiling so many cakes when I cook as regards the wrotten oven.

My dear I am sorry you had to be the one to relate all the sad news but thank you very much for letting me know, I will ring Loveday but don't know any addresses of the others so will just ring Loveday and Betty.

I do hope ere this reaches you that you are feeling better, but guess none of us will be much better as age is catching up on us.

I am sorry that there are no dates on the writings I have typed ~~but~~ and hope that they are ~~what~~ you want. George wrote about the wireless in the plane of Hitchcock and Anderson that crashed but don't think there was any ground to air communication then as you will see ~~about~~ what it says about Fred fitting the radio to the search plane, so I would gather there was none in the other one.

Ian sends his best wishes and love, he has had to go to school Tuesday nights through his holiday for the Computer course he is doing but think it must finish before he goes on holidays.

I know you have a birthday this month so will be writing you again later and will give you any other news. Ian is waiting to post this.

Lots of love from us both and God bless. Hazel & Annetee send ~~their~~ best wishes too.

Yours lovingly,

Hazel & Ian

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